

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - December 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mitchell. The committee said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair William Mitchell, County Board Supervisors Keith Harenda (arrived at 8:45 a.m.), Carl Seitz, David Swan, Jean Tortomasi; **Absent:** Kathleen Cummings and Mareth Kipp

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Director of Mediation Center Cathy Warrington, Corporation Counsel Tom Farley, Labor Relations Manager Jim Richter, Senior Financial Analyst Mike Baniel

Approve Minutes of November 12, 2004

Motion: Tortomasi moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 11/12/04. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

Executive Committee Report by Bill Mitchell for Meeting of November 15, 2004

Mitchell reported that there was a discussion on the UW-Extension grant applications for environmental education, and they looked over the administrative policy for applying and accepting grant funding for everyone in the county. The appointment of Richard A. Price to the Veterans' Service Commission was also considered.

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

Swan said there was a meeting of the area Police Departments and Public Works Departments regarding intersections. At the intersection of Springdale and Highway M near the Red Rooster Restaurant in Pewaukee, there are cameras set up to take pictures of cars going through on red lights. Swan said the statistics are staggering, i.e., about 74 cars per hour go through on red lights.

Future Agenda Items by Committee Members

Mitchell said a demo by the Canine Unit will be set up for spring.

Future Meeting Dates

Mitchell said Clerk of Courts Evenson will be discussing her department's strategic plan at the next meeting on December 17.

Swan said the Mead & Hunt report on the airport will be presented at the next Airport Commission meeting on December 8.

Overview of Mediation Center of Waukesha County to Include the Juvenile Center

Warmington gave an overview of the Center and distributed several handouts. She said the main purpose of the Center is to try to alleviate disputes when people are not getting along. Referrals are received from many places. A lot of time and money can be saved by mediating. She stated regarding small claims, the only cases that are referred are pro se cases. Right now according to the law, cases represented by attorneys cannot be referred. However, lawyer cases are allowed in large claims. Regarding statistics, Warmington said 840 cases were referred in 2003 and about 51% went to mediation of which about 80% were successful. The idea is to get people to mediation and the earlier the better.

Warmington stated that they've been working with the Juvenile Court system since 1983. At this point in time, they've been quite successful. Juvenile Court through a social worker refers all

victims to the Center. In 2003, 414 cases were referred. Warmington gave a power point on how juvenile cases are handled, i.e., Victim/Offender conferencing, the Youth Accountability Panel. The panel has been in effect for about two years and has been so successful that they just received a grant for a panel in Milwaukee Children's Court. She also related examples of cases going through the Center, as well as the positive feedback from offenders who have gone through the program and comments by their parents. There are many volunteers in the program and all of them are trained at the Center.

Warmington mentioned that their Sixth Annual Holiday Reception to benefit the Mediation Center is next Friday, December 10 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Mitchell thanked Warmington for appearing.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-088 Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Waukesha County Communications Employees with City of Brookfield

Farley and Richter were present. Farley explained the ordinance, which is an agreement for Waukesha County to hire City of Brookfield dispatchers to work from January 1, 2005 through the transition. They will be supervised by City of Brookfield staff. Farley stated it is important that both governments have agreed that they will hold each other harmless for the acts of their own employees.

Motion: Swan moved, second by Harenda, to approve Ordinance 159-O-088. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-089 Extension of Time Period for Retention Payments to Telecommunicators Transitioning to County Employment

Richter explained the ordinance, which is about an initiative the Board already adopted last year. This ordinance extends the time period for those who commence their employment with Waukesha County, effective January 1, 2005, to be eligible for a one-time retention compensation payment of \$500 after successfully completing the required six-month probationary period.

Motion: Harenda moved, second by Tortomasi, to approve Ordinance 159-O-089. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Motion to adjourn: Swan moved, second by Tortomasi, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mareth K. Kipp
Secretary

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